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1. DEPARTMENT, AND APPARENTLY OTHER WASHINGTON AGENCIES,

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SOMEWHAT SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT ROKG HAS MADE A FIRM

DECISION TO PURCHASE 57 F-4E'S AS REPORTED PARA 1,
REF. A.

2. REGARDING YOUR BELIEF THAT WE SHOULD CONCUR AND PROVIDE
LETTER OF OFFER FOR F-4'S KOREANS ARE REQUESTING, WE
BELIEVE THAT THE MATTER IS EXTREMELY INVOLVED AND TOO MANY
ISSUES ARE AT HAND FOR THE USG TO MOVE ON SHORT NOTICE.
QUESTIONS REGARDING THE KOREAN FORCE MODERNIZATION PLAN,
ITS FUNDING (MAP AND FMS MIX AND TIMING), OVERALL AVAIL-
ABILITY OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNDS, TYPES AND QUANTITIES
OF EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED TO THE ROKG, UPDATED THREAT
ANALYSES, POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, ETC., WILL ALL HAVE TO
BE ADDRESSED BEFORE A DECISION CAN BE REACHED ON OUR OFFER-
ING TO SELL F-4'S TO KOREA. BACKGROUND PROVIDED REFS B
AND D VERY USEFUL IN THIS LIGHT.

3. INTERAGENCY STEERING GROUP IN WASHINGTON HAS ALREADY
MET TO REVIEW THESE MATTERS AND WILL CONVENE AGAIN LATER

THIS MONTH. WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
MEANWHILE, REGARDING LETTER OF OFFER ON F-4'S NO ACTION
IS PRESENTLY BEING TAKEN EXCEPT THAT DATA REQUESTED
PARA 4, REF. C WILL BE FORWARDED. RUSH

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